

1 **Amendment to the Claims**

2 **In the Claims:**

3 Please amend Claims 1, 14, and 27 as follows:

4 1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a selection of properties for an electronic  
5 document associated with an application program having a user interface, comprising the steps of:

6 determining a context for the electronic document;

7 determining a status of a property for the electronic document; and

8 based upon the context of the electronic document and the status of the property,

9 creating a customized palette for the user interface so that the palette comprises  
10 a control only for an available property; and

11 displaying the palette in conjunction with the electronic document on the user  
12 interface such that said palette and an activated associated content of the palette do not obscure  
13 viewing of said electronic document.

14 2. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

15 determining a change in the status of the property or the context of the electronic  
16 document;

17 based upon the change of the property or the change in context of the electronic  
18 document,

19 modifying the palette to reflect the change in the property or the change in the  
20 context of the electronic document; and

21 replacing the palette with the modified palette so that the modified palette is  
22 displayed in conjunction with the electronic document on the user interface.

23 3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of:

24 sizing the palette so that the palette and the electronic document can be simultaneously  
25 viewed.

26 4. (Original) The method of Claim 2, further comprising the step of:

27 sizing the modified palette so that the modified palette and the electronic document  
28 can be simultaneously viewed.

29 5. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

1 coordinating the palette with a predefined interface so that the palette and the  
2 predefined interface provide consistent control features; and

3 displaying the predefined interface in conjunction with the palette and the electronic  
4 document.

5 6. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 2, further comprising the steps of:

6 coordinating the modified palette with a predefined interface so that the palette and the  
7 predefined interface provide consistent control features; and

8 displaying the predefined interface in conjunction with the modified palette and the  
9 electronic document.

10 7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the context of the electronic document  
11 consists of at least one of the following: textual content, formatting content, or graphical content.

12 8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the property consists of one of the following:  
13 a formatting command, an application program command, or an electronic document characteristic.

14 9. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the user interface comprises a graphical user  
15 interface for an application program.

16 10. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the user interface comprises a floating  
17 palette.

18 11. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the user interface comprises a property  
19 browser palette window.

20 12. (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein the predefined interface comprises a toolbar.

21 13. (Original) The method of Claim 6, wherein the predefined interface comprises a toolbar.

22 14. (Currently Amended) A computer system for providing a selection of formatting  
23 properties for an electronic document associated with an application program having a user interface  
24 comprising:

25 a memory for storing a property browser program module; and

26 a processing unit functionally coupled to the memory for executing computer-  
27 executable instructions operable for:

28 determining a formatting property for an electronic document associated with the  
29 application program, wherein the formatting property has at least one control;

30 determining a context for the electronic document;

1 creating a customized palette with the formatting property including at least one  
2 control and further based upon the context of the electronic document; and

3 sending the palette to a user interface associated with the application program for  
4 display such that the palette and an activated associated content of the palette do not obscure the  
5 electronic document.

6 15. (Original) The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the processing unit is further  
7 operable for:

8 determining a change in the status of the property or the context of the electronic  
9 document;

10 based upon the change of the property or the context of the electronic document,

11 modifying the palette to reflect the change in the property or the change in the  
12 context of the electronic document; and

13 replacing the palette with the modified palette so that the modified palette is  
14 displayed in conjunction with the electronic document on the user interface.

15 16. (Original) The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the processing unit is further  
16 operable for:

17 sizing the palette so that the palette and the electronic document can be simultaneously  
18 viewed.

19 17. (Original) The computer system of Claim 15, wherein the processing unit is further  
20 operable for:

21 sizing the modified palette so that the modified palette and the electronic document  
22 can be simultaneously viewed.

23 18. (Original) The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the processing unit is further  
24 operable for:

25 coordinating the palette with a predefined interface so that the palette and the  
26 predefined interface provide consistent control features; and

27 displaying the predefined interface in conjunction with the palette and the electronic  
28 document.

29 19. (Original) The computer system of Claim 15, wherein the processing unit is further  
30 operable for:

1 coordinating the modified palette with a predefined interface so that the palette and the  
2 predefined interface provide consistent control features; and

3 displaying the predefined interface in conjunction with the modified palette and the  
4 electronic document.

5 20. (Original) The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the context of the electronic  
6 document consists of at least one of the following: textual content, formatting content, or graphical  
7 content.

8 21. (Original) The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the property consists of one of the  
9 following: a formatting command, an application program command, or an electronic document  
10 characteristic.

11 22. (Original) The computer system of Claim 18, wherein the user interface comprises a  
12 graphical user interface for an application program.

13 23. (Original) The computer system of Claim 18, wherein the user interface comprises a  
14 floating palette.

15 24. (Original) The computer system of Claim 18, wherein the user interface comprises a  
16 property browser palette window.

17 25. (Original) The computer system of Claim 18, wherein the predefined interface comprises  
18 a toolbar.

19 26. (Original) The computer system of Claim 19, wherein the predefined interface comprises  
20 a toolbar.

21 27. (Currently Amended) A computer system for providing a selection of formatting  
22 properties for an electronic document associated with an application program having a user interface  
23 comprising:

24 a memory for storing a property browser program module; and

25 a processing unit functionally coupled to the memory, for executing computer-  
26 executable instructions operable for:

27 determining a formatting property for an electronic document associated with  
28 the application program, wherein the formatting property has at least one control;

29 determining a context for the electronic document;  
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1                   creating a customized palette with the formatting property including at least  
2 one control and further based upon the context of the electronic document;  
3                   sizing the palette so that the palette and the electronic document can be  
4 simultaneously viewed;  
5                   sending the palette to a user interface associated with the application program;  
6                   determining a change in the status of the property or the context of the  
7 electronic document; and  
8                   based upon the change of the property or the context of the electronic  
9 document,  
10                  modifying the palette to reflect the change in the property or the change  
11 in the context of the electronic document;  
12                  sizing the modified palette so that the modified palette and the  
13 electronic document can be simultaneously viewed; and  
14                  replacing the palette with the modified palette so that the modified palette is displayed in  
15 conjunction with the electronic document on the user interface, said modified palette being displayed  
16 such that the modified palette and an activated associated content of the modified palette do not  
17 obscure viewing of said electronic document.